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In re Application of:)
HAJIME YAMAMOTO, et al.) Examiner: J. Nguyen
Application No.: 10/067,358) Group Art Unit: 2861
Filed: February 7, 2002)
For: LIQUID CONTAINER, LIQUID)
SUPPLY SYSTEM AND INK JET)
RECORDING APPARATUS)
UTILIZING THE SAME, AND)
METHOD OF MOUNTING)
LIQUID CONTAINER ON) June 2, 2004
RECORDING APPARATUS)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to Chinese 1,208,695, a copy of which is enclosed and which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

This document was cited during prosecution of a Chinese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Chinese Office Action, which is dated March 26, 2003, is enclosed, together with an English language translation. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

The other documents cited in the Search Report have been cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated October 29, 2002.

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This application has received a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

The concise explanation of relevance for the Chinese document cited above is provided by the English language abstract included with the cited art, and by the translated comments of the Chinese Examiner. In addition, it is believed that U.S. Patent 5,742,309 is an English language counterpart to Chinese 1,208,695; a copy of that U.S. Patent is also enclosed and listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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